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## CHINA IS OUR ONLY FRIEND.

IT IS somewhat startling that the only nation on the face of the globe that has expressed a willingness to abide by the doctrine of neutrality enunciated by the United States with a declaration that it would stand or fall by the principles set forth therein, is the one nation that has been treated with rank discrimination by the United States. The correspondence resulting from Mr. Wilson's world-wide invitation to the neutrals to join issues with this country in taking Germany to task for its outrageous ruthless blockade policy is China. This nation comes out with a positive and unqualified assertion of its rights in strict accord with the declaration of President Wilson that the policy of undersea blockade applied to the shipping of all nationalities can have but one conclusion—destruction of the nations not at present involved in hostilities. China, the limitless area with the densest population on the earth, stands with the United States, but that decision cannot have more than a slight moral influence on the outcome of the dispute, for, unfortunately, China is not in a position either financially or physically to help us to any considerable degree. The nation is heavily involved in an internecine quarrel or revolution of its own that may any day terminate in favor of a faction that is inimical to the great North American neutral and the populace is not as friendly disposed as they might be, since they have been subjected to exclusion laws that brand them as pariahs. Therefore immigrants from the land of the dragon are barred from entering here, except where the entrants are students or merchants with money to spend in studying the business and scientific methods of the United States. Japan, whose development is due entirely to the activities of the United States, is not going to take a hand in the European war if it can help it, for it sees in the eventualities sacrifice of territory and prestige of which Japan is extremely jealous. It is deplored that President Wilson should have weakened his cause by appealing to the European neutrals to join him in severing diplomatic relations, for the positions of these countries is not in any sense analogous to that of ours which is separated by the Atlantic from a prospective foe whose naval and merchant marine are bottled up by the sea dogs of Great Britain and France. Germany gave the smaller neutrals an object lesson when she overran Rumania and the entente allies failed to counter attack effectively. The fate of Belgium, Serbia, Montenegro and Rumania is not forgotten by Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Holland, Switzerland and other smaller countries away from the seat of war.

Our own government does not intend to go to war before Germany commits another act of war against us. We have not said that we shall fight in defense of the other neutrals that follow our example in breaking off diplomatic relations. If they did Germany might take them one after another and crush them as she did Belgium, Serbia and Rumania, and the United States would be unable to defend them. These small neutrals have no reason to believe that the United States would defend them. If we are drawn into the war some of these neutrals may ally themselves with us, but they are not likely to invite hostilities before they know that the people of the United States will fight, for they will not take chances on being crushed by the German war machine.

## RUBBING OUT THE HYPHEN.

THE EVENTS of the past week have brought out in bold relief the one undeniable fact that the citizens of the United States are a unit on the question of supporting President Wilson in any action he may decide to take with reference to vindicating the honor of the nation in the court of the world. Prominent among the developments has been the action of the leading foreign-born citizens who have come forward with almost perfect unanimity in tendering their services and their fortunes to their adopted country in the event of war. The despised hyphenated citizens, whom President Wilson held up to universal scorn and contempt during the late lamented campaign as unworthy of being classed with true Americans, were the first to volunteer for service under the colors of Uncle Sam. The German-Americans, through their alliance which constitutes a comparatively small percentage of citizens of that nationality, wired Mr. Wilson that the entire membership of 1,250,000 men was at his disposal any moment he chose to summon them to the colors. Then, as it happened, the Ancient Order of Hibernians were in session and their president hotfooted to the nearest telegraph office anxious to apprise Mr. Wilson that they had 250,000 members ready and willing to back him up in any course he chose to adopt. After this stalwart host appeared, the Bohemians, with a membership of 60,000 muscular men most of whom had been drilled in the rudiments of war. The Croations offered another 50,000 and so it was all down the line. Tenders of substantial assistance began pouring into the White House from organizations which had been held up as examples of disaffection and mercenary citizenship. With this tidal wave of popular patriotism it is well to observe that such citizens as William Jennings Bryan have been instrumental in obstructing the harmony that should prevail at Washington in such a national crisis. The southern demagogues who have been howling themselves hoarse for hog-fat in the way of appropriations for developing catfish creeks into deep-sea harbors have been hanging back in the traces and holding back the wheel horses from pulling the administration through the perils that confront it. The action of the German Americans is deemed more conspicuous from the belief that hostilities would find the claims of the fatherland more binding than the ties of motherland which enabled many of the race to show their capabilities in the industrial struggle that has built up millions for intrepid boys who came to this country 30 and 40 years ago with nothing more than their brains and muscle for capital. These men and women are not ungrateful to the land of opportunity, for their are now pledging their sons to the cause for which their kinsmen fought on the other side of Mason and Dixon's line. The record of the naturalized American is one of untarnished glory that will not be dimmed by the course of conduct even should Columbia summon the descendants of Germans, Irish, Bohemians, Slavs, Austrians and French to raise the battle cry against their former countrymen.

The leak investigation has come to the end of the road where the only thing to be done is to find a goat in the accommodating boys of the press gallery at Washington, than whom there is no more honorable set of men in the country. Such a finding will not hurt the boys and will do Congress a lot of good by enabling the committee to report that the newspapers did it. But why not press the bet a little farther to find who told the newspapers what was going to happen?

San Francisco is at its old worn out game of buncoing the people. That city refuses to pay the reward offered for the arrest of Mooney et al on the ground that the information was already in possession of the slenchs of that city. This is like the "gold medals" awarded Tonopah mines for the best display of ores. These came in the shape of cheap pewter plates with a brazen note advising the recipients to have them gilded if they did not like the gift. The Bay city is always ready to welch on a proposition that takes real money away from the native sons.

## PRESERVATION OF SOLDIERS GRAVES CLAIMS ATTENTION OF THE BRITISH

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Feb. 13.—The national cemeteries on the battlefields of the American Civil War which serve as permanent reminders to the people of the United States of the price which was paid for freedom, are referred to frequently in this country in connection with the work of perpetuating the graves of the British soldiers in France and Belgium. Especially was this done when the Prince of Wales returned from the western battlefield and announced that 150,000 British graves in France and Belgium had been identified and registered in 400 burial grounds.

The Prince of Wales heads the committee for the care of soldiers graves, which has undertaken the gigantic task of looking after the resting places of the dead after they have been marked out by the graves' registration unit. The Prince announced that more than 60 of the 400 burial grounds have already been laid out and planted under the direction of the director of the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew on the Thames near London. "I have seen how beautiful these cemeteries look

when the flowers are out" said the Prince, who has been an indefatigable worker for the preservation of these lasting monuments to the British soldiers. The Prince told from his own observation, something of what has been done. Last year, he said, the French government moved many thousand sorrowing hearts in this country to a deep emotion by the simple and gracious offer to set apart forever, in special honor, the burial places of British dead in France.

"I have also visited," continued the Prince, "some of the French cemeteries being cared for by our graves' registration units in that part of the line which has been taken over by the British and I can speak of the close co-operation and sympathy between the French and English in this work. I hope the same spirit will be maintained by this committee after the war."

The committee for the care of soldiers' graves has decided not to erect any permanent memorials in France or Belgium until after the war.



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